

## Message Text

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AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: ETEL, ITU  
SUBJ: ITU/ECOSOC: KENYAN PROPOSAL TO DESIGNATE 1980 AS  
INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS YEAR

1. MISSION HAS OBTAINED FROM ITU STAFFER A COPY OF  
A LETTER DATED MARCH 29, TO SECRETARY GENERAL FROM  
S.B. OGEMBO, PERMANENT SECRETARY, MINISTRY OF POWER AND  
COMMUNICATIONS OF KENYA, IN WHICH THE GOK ADVISES THE  
ITU OF ITS INTENTION TO PROPOSE TO THE NEXT SESSION  
OF ECOSOC THAT 1980 BE DESIGNATED AS "WORLD TELE-  
COMMUNICATION YEAR". PRESUMABLY AFTER PROPOSAL IS APPROVED  
BY ECOSOC, IT WOULD BE FORWARDED TO UNGA FOR FINAL ACTION.

2. EVIDENT PURPOSE BEHIND KENYAN MOVE IS TO FOCUS  
ATTENTION ON THE NEXT ITU PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE  
(THE FIRST SINCE 1973) WHICH IS PLANNED TO BE HELD  
IN NAIROBI, SEPTEMBER-OCTOBER 1980.

3. LETTER ENCLOSES A COPY OF PROPOSED DRAFT ECOSOC  
RESOLUTION, WHICH NAMES ITU AS "LEAD AGENCY" IN CONDUCTING  
WORLD-WIDE PROGRAM FOR WORLD TELECOMMUNICATION YEAR",  
AND ASKS ITU FOR SUPPORT IN PUSHING PROPOSAL IN ECOSOC  
AND UNGA. ITU IS UNDECIDED AS TO WHAT ACTION TO TAKE  
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AND WILL PROBABLY DROP WHOLE MATTER INTO LAP OF  
ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL WHICH MEETS MAY 23 - JUNE 10.

4. MISSION IS AIRPOUCHING COPIES OF LETTER AND ENCLOSURE  
TO WALKER DIAMANTI, IO/TRC AND JOHN O'NEILL, EB/TD.  
WE SUGGEST INSTRUCTIONS BEING PREPARED FOR ADMIN COUNCIL  
MEETING PROVIDE GUIDANCE FOR U.S. REP ON THIS MATTER.

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